

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 15 with the following:

The antibody was prepared by immunising mice with TAIC (corresponding to STIC) derived from human monocytes using methods known to the person skilled in the art (Davis, W. C. "Methods in Molecular Biology : Monoclonal Antibody Protocols", New York: Humana Press Inc. Totowa, 1995). A hybridoma cell line was then produced by fusion of a B cell generating the antibody and a myeloma cell from the mouse. Methods used for the preparation of such cell lines are known in the state of the art (Davis, W. C. "Methods in Molecular Biology: Monoclonal Antibody Protocols", New York: Humana Press Inc. Totowa, 1995 Kohlerr G. Milstein, C. "Continuous cultures of fused cells secreting antibody of predefined specificity". Nature 256, 495-497 (1975)). The hybridoma cell line producing the antibody GM-7 was deposited on May 13, 2002 according to the rules of the Budapest Convention at DSMZ (Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen und Zellkultur GmbH, Mascheroder Weg 1b, D-38124, Braunschweig, Germany) under the accession no. DSM ACC2542.